Greenbelt Community Church

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"You shall love your neighbor as yourself."
Matthew 22:39

October 25th, 2026

Guest Preacher
Rev. Dr. Richard F. (Rick) Pulling

Greenbelt Community Church
Worship Sunday, October 18th, 2026

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Prelude **Wei-Der Huang**

Welcome and Announcements

Greenbelt Community Church is a community centered around the belief that we are all created in the image of God. We welcome everyone seeking God's presence, in any of the ways that you may identify… by economic class, by race, by national origin, by gender identity/expression, by age, by physical or mental ability… whoever you are and wherever you come from, we welcome you into full participation here. We rejoice that you chose to worship with us, today, as we extend an invitation to live out the extravagant welcome of Christ. Together, we are listening for God's still speaking voice.

WELCOME, People of God!

***Call to Worship (inspired by Psalm 90)** **Rev. Pulling**

One: Holy One, you are our dwelling place! From everlasting to everlasting, you are God!

Many: Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

One: Holy One, you are our dwelling place! From everlasting to everlasting, you are Sovereign!

Many: Let your work be manifest to your servants
and your glorious power to their children.

One: Holy One, you are our dwelling place! From everlasting to everlasting, you are God!

Many: Let your favor be upon us and prosper for us the work of our hands —
O prosper the work of our hands!

***Opening Hymn "O God of All Your People Past"** **NCH #374**

***Passing the Peace**

Invocation **Liturgist Diane Wogaman**

Loving God, we gather before you in praise and thanksgiving, wonder and awe, doubt and uncertainty, joy and pain. We seek your guidance and direction, assurance and challenge, correction, and encouragement. Make your presence known among us this day. Let your Spirit reign in our worship, in our hearts, and in our lives. Just your presence among us gives us comfort, strength, and joy. Be glorified in our love, O God. Amen.

Anthem: "We're A Family" by Pamela and Joseph Martin **GCC Choir**

Time with Young Disciples **Jo-Anne Fournier**

Scripture: Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 NRSV **Liturgist Diane Wogaman**

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

You turn us back to dust, and say, "Turn back, you mortals."

For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past, or like a watch in the night. You sweep them away; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning; in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.

Turn, O Lord! How long? Have compassion on your servants!

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us, and as many years as we have seen evil.

Let your work be manifest to your servants, and your glorious power to their children.

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands— O prosper the work of our hands!

Unison Response: **Liturgist Diane Wogaman**

To You, Holy One, we lift up our hearts in adoration and praise. When times are dark and our hearts are full of sorrow, we turn to you for solace and grace. For we trust in your word, and in your love for us as your people. As your people of faith, we can say with blessed assurance; "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives, and we shall dwell in the house of our God forever." Amen.

Matthew 22:34-46 **Rev. Pulling**

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"'? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Message: "The Question Beneath Every Question" **Rev. Pulling**

Pulpit Hymn: "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart" **NCH # 290**

The Community at Prayer **Rev. Pulling**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayer List: Let us Continue to keep Ed H. and his wife Mary Ann in prayer as Ed continues his rehabilitation at Hill Haven.

And let us continue to keep in prayer Shirley P; Ken C; Anne G; Gil L; Butch N; Sue N; Phil W; Joyce B; Thyra P; Kenny P; Joyce P; Rhonda; William and Phyllis S; Jim T; Earl T, Lora T; Gwen V; Phillip; Diane W. We pray for those thousands who have experienced job losses. Those in Nepal and Tibet who ave lost their families and homes to floods and the first responders who are laboring there. The Palestinian people, especially the children. Mary C. who is having shoulder surgery.

We pray for peace during this time of continued urban occupation by military reserve forces and the threat to many posed by ICE. For women and children who have been made homeless due to intimate partner violence. For all young persons who have been made homeless due to gender identity or expression. For those who struggle with mental health and those who provide care for them. For our veterans, many who return with no place to call home and no circle of love. For the formerly incarcerated who cannot find work. For all those around the world dying of starvation and AIDs due to the closure of USAID. For peace for Ukraine and Gaza. We ask protection for all whose freedoms are being taken by our government. We pray for the Seventh Day Adventist congregation and the Montessori School who share our space. O God, in your tender mercies, hear each of our prayers.

The Lord's Prayer
(in the words that are familiar to you)

"Our Father, who art in heaven. Hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, the power and the glory. Forever. **Amen.**

Prayer Response: **GCC Choir**

Invitation to Generosity **Rev. Pulling**

Generosity is a spiritual discipline rooted in love. When we give of ourselves in time, treasure, and talent, we make our love for God and neighbor tangible in the lives of our community. So, let our love show through the gifts we bring to the glory of God and love of all.

Offertory Response **Wei-Der Huang**

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below
Praise God, for all that love has done.
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. **Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving: **Liturgist Diane Wogaman**

Holy Love, we dedicate these gifts to you in hope and trust that, through you, our generosity makes a difference in the world. We give you thanks in advance for the fruit nurtured by this offering. As you bless these gifts, also bless the giver and those entrusted with the stewardship of these resources in your name and for your church and world. Amen.

***Closing Hymn:** **"Christian, Rise and Act Your Creed"** **NCH # 537**

***Commissioning and Benediction** **Rev. Pulling**

Benediction Response: **GCC Choir**

***Postlude** **Wei-Der Huang**